Gauge conversion in Rajasthan

810. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan have requested for the conversion of several metre gauge lines into broad gauge lines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in the matter and if no decision has been taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur (133 km.) and (ii) Delhi-Ahmedabad (925 km.).

(c) The Final Location Survey for gauge conversion of Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur-Phulera-Merta Road-Jodhpur and Merta Road-Lalgarh (Bikaner), as first phase for linking Jaisalmer/Barmer by BG, has been taken up.

Development of Tourism in Rajasthan

811. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether, considering that an estimated 40 per cent of the foreign and domestic tourists would be attracted by 1990, Government of Rajasthan have submitted any proposal for the development of tourism and upgrading tourist facilities in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated expenditure involved in the scheme;

(c) whether the proposal has been approved by Government if so, what is the Central assistance proposed to be given to the State Government for the implementation of the programme; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Department of Tourism has received proposals from the Government of Rajasthan for Central financial assistance during 1989-90 for development of tourism infrastructure at various tourist centres in the State. The following are the details of these proposals:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated cost
1.	Construction of Kiosk and toilet facilities at Gogunda	2.00
2.	Construction of Kiosk and toilet facilities at Badshahi Bagh	1.50
3.	Provision of Cafeteria with toilet block at Chavand	5.00
4.	Provision of 5 Paddle boats for Jaisamand	2.50
5.	Construction of Cafeteria at Chittorgarh	5.00
6.	Cafeteria with toilet facilities at Bardoli, Alamia and Chandra Bhaga Temple Complex at a cost of Rs. 1.50 lakhs each	4.50
7.	50-Seater Motor Launch for Jaisamand	5.00

S. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated cost
8.	Cafeteria and two rooms at Bundi	8.00
9.	Provision of Cafeteria at Deeg Palace	2.00
10.	Provision of Cafeteria at Osian	2.00
11.	Yatri Niwas at Jodhpur	36.00
12.	Floodlighting of Jaisalmer Fort	11.60
13.	Trekking Huts and equipment for Mt. Abu	5.00
14.	Tourist Complex at Chandravati	4.50
15.	Construction of Tourist Complex at Nakki Lake (Mt. Abu)	6.00
16.	Construction of a Cafeteria at Menal	4.96
17.	Development of island and tourist resort at Jaisamand Lake	12.93
18.	Tourist Complex at Bundi	7.44
19.	Provision of Kiosk at Baddi (Kota)	3.88
20.	Construction of Cafeteria at Alaniya	4.28
21.	Construction of Tourist Bungalow at Jhalawar	11.28
22.	Provision of Kiosk at Chandra Bhaga (Jhalawar)	2.05
23.	Tourist Complex at Deeg	16.63

(c) The Department will consider financial assistance for these projects subject to merits of the proposal, potential of the place, existing infrastructure, existing and projected tourist traffic, viability of the project, availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

(d) Does not arise.

पाठ्य पुस्तकों/अभ्यास पुस्तिकाओं की कीमतों में वृद्धि

812. श्री कपिल वर्मा :
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में रियायती कागज के कोटे को घटा कर आधा कर दिये जाने के बाद, अभ्यास-पुस्तिकाओं और पाठ्य-पुस्तकों की कीमतों में वृद्धि हुई है; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या एक सरकारी कम्पनी हिन्दुस्तान पेपर कारपोरेशन ने, जो रियायती कागज की सप्लाई करती है, केन्द्रीय सरकार से कागज की कीमत बढ़ा देने की मांग की है;

(ग) क्या "कागज नियंत्रण आदेश" के रद्द किये जाने के पश्चात राज्यों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को उपलब्ध कराये जाने वाले कागज की मात्रा में वास्तव में कोई कमी आई है ; और

(घ) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस संबंध में कितनी राज सहायता प्रदान की गयी तथा रियायती कागज की कीमतों की बाबत क्या दर-सूची निर्धारित की गयी ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एल.पी. साही) : (क) शैक्षणिक क्षेत्र के कागज की समय पर पूर्ति को सुनिश्चित करने को ध्यान में रखते हुये और इस बात को सुनिश्चित करने के लिये कि कागज नियंत्रण आदेश के निरस्त